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INTRODUCTION

The First Nation Forestry Program (FNFP) is funded jointly by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). Its goal is to promote the active participation of First Nations in forestry. NRCan's Canadian Forest Service (CFS) is responsible for implementing and running the FNFP, which was set up in 1996.

The **Eligibility Guide for Projects in Quebec, 2010-2011** is primarily for Native proponents interested in carrying out forestry development projects through participation in the First Nation Forestry Program (FNFP) in Quebec.

The Guide outlines the Program and will help proponents submit project requests in 2010-2011. It should also help interested proponents submit projects to the CFS that are consistent with Program objectives and for which funding can be provided under the FNFP. To submit a project request, proponents must complete the ***2010-2011 Project Request*** form and submit it before June 7, 2010 to the following address:

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The **Eligibility Guide** is based upon the regional orientations for 2003-2008, extended for 2010-2011, adopted by the General Assembly of First Nation Administrators of the FNFP in Quebec, January 28-29 2004. The year 2010-2011 is considered as a third transition year following FNFP 2nd 5 years phase which ended on March, 31 2008.

Copies of the **Eligibility Guide for Projects in Quebec, 2010-2011** and the **2010-2011 Project Request** form can be obtained at the above address or on the Web site:

cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/index/fnfpqc

Changes are continually made to the FNFP to guide First Nations in their forestry development activities. There are plans to revise this document every year and to submit it to the Management Committee of the FNFP in Quebec, which will submit it for approval to the General Assembly of First Nation Administrators of the FNFP in Quebec.

Note also that this Eligibility Guide is based on and explains the national Program guidelines for 2003-2008 set out in the ***Manual of Standards and Procedures, September 2004.***

1. PROGRAM GOAL

The First Nation Forestry Program (FNFP) was set up to help First Nations carry out development activities in a forest environment that will improve economic conditions in Native communities.

The Program targets job creation in a forest environment while taking sustainable forest management principles fully into account.

The Program is based on the four objectives outlined in Section 3.

2. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

In Quebec, eligible Program participants are elected Band Councils representing Native communities.

Also eligible are Native organizations or businesses authorized under a formal resolution adopted by a Band Council to act on the Band Council's behalf. Consequently, only one project request per Band Council or its agent is accepted. However, a project can include several activities or sub-projects.

An Native organization or association representing several communities is also eligible. Its participation in the FNFP must be approved by an official resolution adopted by all of the Band Councils represented by the organization or association. Participation by any such organization or association does not supersede participation by an individual Band Council.

3. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Objective I: Forest management on reserve

Enhance the capacity of First Nations to practise sustainable forest management on their forest lands.

This objective applies to forest management activities on reserve lands only. The following activities are eligible for the purposes of this objective:

- Drafting and updating of integrated management plans for forest resources on reserve lands;
- Activities resulting in environmental certification for reserve lands;
- Development and implementation of on-reserve timber harvest monitoring plans;
- Forest management activities on reserve lands, including activities adopting an ecosystemic approach;
- Forestry technical services related to planning, monitoring and approving forest management work carried out on reserve lands;
- In the case of private lands located within reserves and belonging to members of First Nations, but not under the control of Band Councils, only the drafting and updating of integrated forest resource management plans are eligible activities.

Objective II: Development in forestry of aboriginal enterprises

Enhance the capacity of First Nations to take advantage of, participate in and profit from forest-based development opportunities

This objective applies mainly to activities directed toward developing forestry businesses and partnership opportunities on and off First Nations' lands. The following are examples of activities that may be eligible for the purposes of this objective:

- Drafting business plans and carrying out feasibility studies and market studies to develop new Native businesses in the primary, secondary and tertiary forestry sectors;
- Activities related to developing and improving existing Native businesses; studies focussing on diversification and modernization of management methods;
- Studies of forestry potential on claimed lands or lands that First Nations wish to acquire;
- Activities related to environmental certification and certification Native forestry business management;
- Development of forestry partnership initiatives at the local level with Native or non-Native forestry businesses, other Native communities or any other organization;
- Drafting business plans or carrying out studies to develop partnerships or verify the feasibility and viability of such partnerships;
- Participation in annual negotiations for the purpose of developing or continuing activities carried out in partnership;
- Development of Native harmonization measures associated with forest management activities, and technical supervision of testing related to these measures;
- Scientific research activities to support the establishment of Native harmonization measures.

Objective III: Capacity building

Expand First Nations' knowledge of sustainable forest management and forest-based business development.

The main focus of this objective is the acquisition of forestry knowledge and experience by First Nations. The following are examples of activities that may be eligible for the purposes of this objective:

- Local communication initiatives to raise community members awareness of the forestry sector's potential; promotion of the expertise of the Native organization to the surrounding community;
- Participation in workshops, symposia, conferences or seminars in forestry, administration or areas related to forestry development;
- Participation in meetings organized by the FNFP, particularly the provincial annual meeting of the General Assembly of First Nation Administrators of the FNFP, Quebec region;
- Practical training activities to gain experience and develop skills in the working environment, particularly in the carrying out of forest management projects;
- Training activities to improve management skills of administrative staff in Native businesses;
- Training activities to help Native community members improve their skills in forestry-related technical and professional tasks. Practical training for Native assistant technicians is also eligible. These practical apprenticeships aim at helping participants acquire experience and at encouraging them to study forestry.

Objectif IV: Regional or provincial aboriginal initiatives

Expand the institutional capacity of First Nations at the provincial level in order to promote First Nations participation in the forest-based economy.

The main purpose of this objective is to help First Nations develop service organizations and associations to defend common interests and encourage First Nations' involvement in forestry. The following activities may be eligible for the purposes of this objective:

- Feasibility studies pertaining to the setting up of new institutions or organizations either at the provincial level or for one Nation or a group of First Nations;
- Activities to help set up such institutions;
- Activities carried out by such institutions to promote the involvement of First Nations in forestry;
- Initiatives carried out on behalf of a group of First Nations or all First Nations in a province in order to defend their interests;
- Creation of Native forestry development funds.

In 2010-2011, FNFP national orientations aim to promote multi-community, regional or provincial projects. A more important portion of the budget will be allocated to this component. The complete description of eligibility criteria for this kind of projects are listed in Appendix C.

4. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY PRINCIPLES AND PROJECTS FUNDING RULES

4.1 FUNDING RULES

Commercial nature of projects
To be eligible for the FNFP in Quebec, a project must first and foremost have a commercial potential, i.e. it must present potential profitability on a short- or medium-term basis. The FNFP thus comes out as a program that favours short- and medium-term job creation over subsidized employment.

Maximum 10% of the total budget
Usually, the FNFP contribution to a community project cannot exceed 10% of the total budget of funding contributions allocated to the province in a given year.

Reporting of project expenditures
The community or the project agent must report all expenditures and all sources of income when applying for a project or submitting the final report.

Maximum FNFP contribution of 80%
The FNFP contributes funding for up to a maximum of 80% of eligible expenditures incurred for each objective of the Program. This maximum is limited to 50% for training activities and resource access negotiations activities (see section 4.2).

Minimum proponent contribution of 20%
The actual contribution of the community or the project agent and other non-governmental sources must total at least 20% of eligible expenditures. Part of the revenue from on-reserve timber harvesting as well as Band Councils internal management programs (ex.: Training, PMVRMF Volet Ia - Aboriginals) non-specific to a project but rather to a an area of activity may be considered as contribution from the proponent.

Maximum government contribution of 80%
Total assistance in the form of contributions specific to a project and coming from government programs (federal, provincial and municipal) must not exceed 80% of the projects eligible expenditures.

4.2 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY PRINCIPLES

Synergy between programs and funding sources
The FNFP promotes synergy and partnerships between private-sector funds and funds from other government programs. One of the key tenets of the FNFP is to attract funding from other sources. External funding must be deemed to have priority over FNFP funding and the following rules therefore apply:

- Activities directly related to business start-ups must be referred to existing DIAND programs;
- Resource access negotiation activities must first be referred to the programs of INAC. The FNFP will contribute up to a maximum of 50% of eligible expenditures;
- Up to at least 50% of the funding for training activities must come from existing training programs, particularly those managed by local committees of First Nations. In all cases, the FNFP contributes up to a maximum of 50% of the eligible costs of training activities.

Time limits on training activities
Training activities must aim to ensure that the trained workers are able to work relatively independently as quickly as possible. Therefore, funding cannot be provided under the FNFP over a long period of time to train the same workers for the same activity. Depending on the complexity and type of training, workers are generally expected to be able to work relatively independently after a few weeks or months of training.

4.3 FORESTRY PRINCIPLES RELATED TO OBJECTIVE I OF THE PROGRAM

Professional supervision
Silvicultural activities must be carried out under the supervision of a forest engineer, who is a member of the **Ordre des ingénieurs forestiers du Québec.**

Canadian Environmental Assessment Act
Forestry activities must comply with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA). The Canadian Forest Service (CFS) and Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND), together with the project proponent, shall ensure compliance.

Timber harvest monitoring
The Band Council must implement means to ensure the respect of its forest by band members and to monitor timber harvesting on community lands.

Integrated forest resource management plans
Integrated forest resource management plans are recommended basic tools that should be drawn up before forestry activities are carried out on the community's reserve lands. Forestry activities must comply with plan guidelines. Minimum CFS requirements for plan content are set out in the document ***Integrated Forest Resource Management Plans: Development Process***.

Forest management basics and ecosystemic approach
Silvicultural work that may be carried out under the Program is described in the FNFP- Quebec document ***Silvicultural Treatment Eligible Assessment Guide***. This guide is only a reference. On-reserve activities must also be based on and must at least comply with forest management principles and legislation in effect in the province of Quebec. For example, the use of chemical products is not an eligible activity. The Program also promotes natural regeneration and stand tending activities.

The FNFP is open to the implementation of innovative works based on an ecosystemic approach. Proponents can submit unconventional, experimental or other types of activities by submitting the relevant documents.

Harmonization with Native knowledge
On-reserve forest management practices must also be based on biodiversity principles and respect for ecosystems, and must reflect First Nations knowledge of the environment. The Program promotes the development of forestry practices that are tailored to the special requirements of First Nations and intended to increase respect for the forest environment and First Nations customs.

5. ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE PROJECT EXPENDITURES

Expenditures directly related to projects
Expenditures such as wages, fringe benefits, travel expenses and equipment directly attributable to a project approved under an FNFP contract are eligible for Program contributions. Rates and allowances for wages, fringe benefits and travel expenses must be those currently used by the Band Council or project proponent.

Regular employees of Band Councils
Wages and other expenditures associated with regular employees of Band Councils or any other interested party are not eligible for Program contributions if the primary duties of these employees are in areas outside the FNFP project.

Consultant fees
External consultant fees are eligible for Program contributions. As a general rule, the CFS does not expect consultant fees, including wages, benefits and other administrative expenses, to be more than twice the salary scale in the labour market for corresponding work.

Minor capital purchases
Minor capital purchases (e.g., to meet the requirements of a training activity) can be eligible. In all cases, it must be established that it was more worthwhile to purchase such equipment than to rent it.

Set rate for administrative expenditures
In all contracts, a set rate of 7% for administrative expenditures applies to the total expenditures of the project. These expenditures include the cost of keeping separate accounting records, office space, computer equipment and general administration. The FNFP may contribute to this item, subject to availability of funding contributions.

Wages for training activities
The following rules with regard to wages for training activities must be taken into account:

- Wages and salaries paid to technical student trainees are eligible;
- Wages or fees paid to instructors are eligible;
- Wages paid to workers in training are not eligible for Program contributions. However, they are part of the total costs of the activity and may be considered part of the community's contribution, subject to the rules in Section 4;
- Wages of participants in workshops, seminars, and other such activities, as well as general assemblies of the FNFP, are not considered eligible expenditures.

Forums, seminars, general assemblies of the FNFP, etc.
Travelling fees, at the regular internal rates of the proponent, and registration fees for these activities are eligible.

Fixed rates for silvicultural work, forest road work and costs of technical services
The following rules must be taken into account for silvicultural work and related technical services, for Objective 1:

- Eligible rates for eligible silvicultural work are expressed in fixed per-unit rates listed in Appendix B. No other contribution will be made. The rates are primarily based on existing rates in comparable markets. This concept reflects a trend towards achieving a specific performance level;
- Rates for forest road work must be negotiated with the forestry advisers and determined on the basis of costs comparable to those of previous years. The rates listed in Appendix B are maximum rates. Forest road work is eligible, provided it is directly related to silvicultural activities;
- As a general rule, the costs of technical services related to carrying out work on reserves must not exceed the costs of the silvicultural work itself. The CFS expects the costs of technical services for large-scale operations to be less than half the cost of the operations.

6. REGIONAL PROGRAM BUDGET AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ALLOCATING FUNDS

2010-2011 contribution profile based on Program objectives

In the Quebec Region, the total contribution budget available in 2010-2011 for projects submitted by Native forestry organizations is $531,900. The following are the budget targets for carrying out Program objectives in 2010-2011:

Objective 1	Native forest management on reserve	±± 20 %	100 %
Objectives 2 and 3	Business development, Co-operation and partnership, Training, Institutional capacity.	±± 50 %	
Objective 4	Multi-communities, regional projects	At least 30%	

A separate budget envelope has been drawn up for Objective 1 in accordance with Program objectives and with the approval of the General Assembly of First Nation Administrators of the FNFP in Quebec.

The budget target for Objectives 2 and 3 is combined because these two objectives mainly concern development outside community lands.

In accordance with the national orientations, a separate budget envelope has been drawn for Objective 4 in 2010-2011. Should a Region be unable to allocate 30% of the budget to regional projects, the balance will be returned to FNFP HQ for reallocation to other regional or national FNFP initiatives.

Terms and Conditions for Allocating Funds

In Quebec, before 2008-2009, the General Assembly of First Nation Administrators of the FNFP had ruled that all submitted, eligible projects in a given year shall receive a fair share of Program contributions. Therefore, the system for evaluating projects is based first of all on the Program eligibility assessment.

For 2010-2011, it has been agreed to limit the number of projects financed by the FNFP in each objective. The following maximum targets have been approved:

- Objective 1: 5 projects
- Objectives 2 and 3: 10 projects
- Objective 4: Based on number of request

Funding is then allocated based on concerns for equity and impartiality that are taken into account in the project evaluations. Another FNFP objective is to provide assistance for projects that are highly meritorious in terms of quality, relevance and importance.

Evaluation criteria for project requests – Objective I

For eligible activities submitted under objective 1, the amount of funds allocated to the activities is based upon five (5) main criteria:

Prerequisite: Forest Management and control of on-reserve harvesting;

1. Forestry needs of the First Nation territory : area, particular timing
2. Potential for success: historical ability to carry out the project, organisation and support;
3. ; Amount of funding from sources other than the FNFP
4. :Activities' relative importance for the community: jobs created, priority;
5. Quality of the forest activities planning shown in the "Project Request"..

Evaluation criteria for project requests - Objectives II, III, IV

Eligible activities in projects submitted for Objectives II, III and IV will be assessed according to the following seven criteria:

1. Amount of funding from sources other than the FNFP;
2. Sustainable jobs created by the project;
3. Size of the project in terms of short-, medium- and long-term job creation;
4. Potential for success, ability to carry out the project, and interest expressed by partners associated with the project;
5. Project's relative importance for the community;
6. Exceptional timing of the submitted project;
7. Quality and quantity of the content of the "Project Request"

It is worthwhile for the project proponent to submit as much information as possible in his project financing request for a better evaluation of his request and, by doing so, obtain more funds for his project.

For the sake of equity when evaluating projects, the project of a community is systematically evaluated by compare it with similar projects and situations of other communities. It is so for each evaluation criteria to allow a just allotment of funds to each project.

Right of appeal from a decision

When the communities are notified of the available budget for their project, the CFS Forestry advisor can give comprehensive explanations about the project appraisal. If the proponent is not satisfied with the explanations, he can get in touch with the CFS Program Coordinator. As last resort, the proponent can send an official letter to the FNFP Provincial Management Committee, providing comprehensive reasons to justify his request for a review.

7. PROJECT SUBMISSION AND COMPLETION PHASES

The main phases involved in carrying out a project over the course of a year are listed below. Some phases must be completed by specific deadlines. The General Assembly of First Nation Administrators of the FNFP in Quebec has approved the phases in order to facilitate Program management and ensure a more satisfactory and prompt re-allocation of funds earmarked for abandoned projects.

The following is a table of deadlines to be met:

	Activity	Deadline
1	Submission of project request to the CFS	**Monday June 7, 2010**
2	CFS evaluation of projects and announcement of allocated budget per community	**Mid-July, 2010**
3	Review of project proposal by the community and acceptation	**One (1) month** after CFS written announcement of budgets available for each community
4	Submission of the 2009-2010 project final report	**May 31, 2010**
5	Contract signed by the Community and sent to the CFS	**One month** after official contract sent by the CFS

The non-compliance with these deadlines will be considered as a lost of interest by the proponent to carry out his project. The CFS will then withdraw its financing offer to this project to favour other proponents.

Project requests
A call to submit projects is sent every year to all Native communities in Quebec.

Communities or their agents must submit project requests to the CFS in accordance with the criteria set out in this document. Projects must be submitted on "**2010-2011 Project Request**" forms. A project may include several activities carried out jointly with various partners.

Deadlines
In 2010-2011, the deadline for submitting project requests to the CFS is **June 7, 2010.**

Upon receipt of the requests, the CFS will study all of them and validate whether they are eligible for the FNFP. Depending on the number of eligible projects, the CFS will then use the funding allocation criteria to determine the maximum budget that can be authorized for each project during the year.

Communities are then notified in writing of these budget amounts and given **one month** to review the initial project and state their intention to carry out all or part of the project. For 2010-2011, the CFS should make the announcements in mid-August 2010.

Financial offer for the 2010-2011 project is conditional to the submission of the 2009-2010 Project final report before May **31, 2010.**

Contract between the CFS and the proponent
The CFS forestry adviser will contact the project proponent to reach agreement on the final content of the contract in accordance with the criteria set out herein.

The CFS will carry out a basic environmental assessment of the project and, if necessary, propose mitigation measures to be carried out.

The CFS uses a formal contract to approve all projects. The contract specifies the terms and conditions for carrying out the project, each party's responsibilities, expected results, project completion criteria, eligible expenditures, payment procedures and proper accounting practices, etc.

After the CFS sends the official contract, the community has **one month** to sign the contract and return it to the CFS.

In the final phase of the process, the CFS formally signs the contract and returns it to the community.

Duties during the project
The project proponent is responsible for managing all aspects of the project. The CFS may provide consulting services at the proponents request.

During the course of operations, proponents can receive interim disbursements by filling out a quarterly cumulative progress report of activities and expenditures for their project. Based on this report, the CFS will release a portion of the funding contribution stipulated in the contract, in accordance with actual eligible expenditures reported by the proponent. However, the payment shall not be more than 75% of the total FNFP contribution stipulated in the contract.

Project close-out
In accordance with CFS requirements, the proponent must submit a ***Final Project Report*** relative to all project activities carried out, in accordance with the deadline specified in the contract. After it approves the report, the CFS will issue final payment for the total of eligible expenditures.

Monitoring

The CFS may carry out or assign a third party to carry out a spot inspection of the project site in order to confirm that activities comply with those stipulated in the contract, discuss progress made in activities and provide consulting services, if requested. The project proponent must co-operate with the CFS to facilitate the inspection.

As stipulated in the contracts, any project carried out under the FNFP may be audited. All files, books and records relative to the project must be made available to the CFS or its delegated representatives, if required.

APPENDIX A: LIST OF CODES AND ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

- **I Forest management on reserve;**
- **II Development in forestry of Aboriginal enterprises;**
- **III Capacity building;**
- **IV Regional or Provincial Aboriginal initiatives.**

DEVELOPMENT OF FIRST NATIONS FOREST

01100 Development of business strategies (obj. II, IV)

01105 Business plan: forestry works
01106 " " : processing and value-added
01107 " " : ecotourism
01108 " " : non-timber forest product
01109 " " : others (specify)
01110 Economic analysis of forest potential
01111 General development plan
01115 Feasibility study: forestry works
01116 " " " : processing and value added
01117 " " " : ecotourism
01118 " " " : non-timber forest product
01119 " " " : others (specify)
01125 Services of consultant in management
01130 Negotiation of contracts
01131 Certification in management (ex.: ISO 9001)
01132 Modernisation of management processes
01135 Others (specify)

01200 Participation in training and technology transfer (obj. III, IV)

01205 Training - Forest engineer
01210 Training - Forest worker
01215 Training - Forest trainee
01220 Training - Foreman
01225 Training - Forest technician
01230 Training - Technical assistant
01231 Companion planting
01235 Training - coaching and manager
01236 Training - New technologies
01240 Training - Others (specify)
01250 Seminar / General
01251 " " in harvesting
01252 " " in silviculture
01253 " " in wildlife, recreating, environment, etc.
01254 " " in management
01255 " " in computer science
01256 " " other (specify)

01330 Organization of communication initiatives (obj. III, IV)

01305 Communication plan
01310 Publicity (paper, radio, television)
01315 Organization of workshop, forum, seminars, consultations
01325 Other communication activity (specify)

01400 Meetings (obj. I, II, III, IV)

01401 FNFP General Assembly and of FNQLISD (obj. III)
01402 Other meeting (specify)

01500 Administration of project (obj. II)

COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP

02100 Aboriginal cooperation (obj. II, IV)

02105 Group services together
02110 Opportunities or market studies
02115 Joint Venture in training or technology transfer
02120 Business cooperation plan
02125 Off-reserve contracts deals
02130 Other cooperation activity (specify)

02200 Partnership with industry (obj. II, IV)

02205 Negotiation agreements with industry
02210 Opportunities or market studies in partnership
02215 Partnership business plan
02220 Off-reserve contract deals
02225 Other partnership activity (specify)

DEVELOPMENT FUNDS (obj. IV)

03105 Building a development fund - regional
03110 Building a development fund - provincial
03120 Investment potential sources study
03125 Other (specify)

MANAGEMENT OF RESERVE FORESTS

35200 Technical services (ojb. I, II, IV)

35205 Technical services in forestry - consultant
35206 Technical employees
35207 Environmental certification (ex. : ISO 14001)

45100 Integrated forest resources management (IRFM) Plan (obj. I, II)

45105 IFRM Plan - new
45106 IFRM Plan - update
45107 Forest management 5 years plan
45108 CAAF: management plan (new)
45109 CAAF: management plan (update)
45110 Monitoring plan of harvesting
45111 Multi-resource inventories
45112 Forest potential inventories
45113 Forest inventories
45114 Specific inventories

45200 Research and development studies in forestry (obj. I, II, IV)

45201 Study on traditional use of territory
45202 R&D: aboriginal harmonization measures
45203 R&D: non-timber forest products
45204 R&D: ecosystemic silviculture
45205 R&D: wildlife
45206 R&d: ecotourism
45207 R&D: processing and value-added
45210 Other R&D

APPENDIX B: CODES AND RATES FOR SILVICULTURAL WORK

PRINCIPLES

Under the First Nation Forestry Program, the rates for silvicultural work are based on those prevailing in similar markets. They have been redefined following a study undertaken by the CFS in 2005-2006.

Rates indicated in the table for forest road works are maximums. Rates are negotiated and determined in accordance with comparable costs in past years. FNFP contribution to forest road works is limited.

Code	Activities	Unit	Rate
SITE REGENERATION THROUGH CUTTING			
05105	Succession cutting – hardwood shade-intolerant	$/ha	500
05130	Shelterwood cutting – softwood	$/ha	550
05135	Shelterwood cutting - hardwood	$/ha	345
05140	Mosaic cutting with site protection	$/ha	110
SITE PREPARATION			
05305	Manual scarification ("mole", mattock)	$/mpl	465
05325	Hydraulic cones scarifier	$/ha	275
05330	Hydraulic disk trencher	$/ha	220
05335	Batch scarifier (Brake) or disk trencher (TTS type)	$/ha	160
05365	Forestry harrow (rate/pass)	$/ha	250
05380	Prescribed burning	$/ha	430
05435	Clearing (rake-equipped skidder)	$/ha	415
05440	Clearing (rake or blade)	$/ha	495
05445	Manual brush cutting	$/ha	615
PLANTING AND SEEDING			
05520	Planting with site preparation REC 199 cc and less	$/mpl	195
05530	Planting without site preparation REC 199 cc and less	$/mpl	220
05535	Planting with site preparation B.R. (standard)	$/mpl	240
05540	Planting with site preparation B.R. (large)	$/mpl	375
05541	Planting with site preparation REC (large) S25 200cc	$/mpl	280
05542	Planting with site preparation REC (large) S45 340cc	$/mpl	325
05545	Planting without site preparation B.R. (standard)	$/mpl	245
05550	Planting without site preparation B.R. (large)	$/mpl	390
05551	Planting without site preparation REC (large) S25 200cc	$/mpl	295
05552	Planting without site preparation REC (large) S45 340cc	$/mpl	340
05565	Seeding with shelter	$/1000 seeding microsites	330
05575	Hardwook manual planting B.R.	$/mpl	235
05580	Planting with site preparation –Hybrid poplar	$/mpl	590
05585	Reinforcement	$/mpl	555
10100	Fill planting.	$/mpl	415

Code	Activities	Unit	Rate
PLANTATION MAINTENANCE			
10260	Brush cutting – softwood	$/ha	750
10265	Brush cutting – hardwood, mixed	$/ha	840
STAND TENDING			
15120	Pre-commercial thinning (conifers) 7,000 to 14,999 stems	$/ha	715
15140	Pre-commercial thinning (conifers) 15 000 stems and more	$/ha	1,040
15145	Pre-commercial thinning (hardwood shade-intolerant)	$/ha	700
15150	Pre-commercial thinning (hardwood shade-tolerant)	$/ha	895
15160	Intermediate thinning – softwood (conifers)	$/ha	970
15165	Intermediate thinning - hardwood	$/ha	800
STAND TENDING WITH HARVEST COMMERCIAL WOOD			
15200	Commercial thinning – softwood (conifers)	$/ha	800
15205	Commercial thinning – hardwood and mixed	$/ha	440
15215	Group-selection cutting (including maple stands treatment)	$/ha	535
ROAD ACCESS			
25120	Primary road construction (road bed)	$/km	23,450
25125	Primary road construction (gravel road surface)	$/km	23,450
25130	Secondary road construction (road bed)	$/km	10,400
25135	Secondary road construction (gravel road surface)	$/km	10,400
25140	Limited access road	$/km	5,200
25205	Road improvement	$/km	5,200

APPENDIX C: MULTI-COMMUNITY, REGIONAL OR PROVINCIAL PROJECTS

2010-2011 Eligibility Criteria

The following criteria will allow determining the eligibility of Regional projects which will be submitted in 2010-2011. When ruled as eligible, Regional projects will be evaluated with the same criteria (see page 9) and must respect the same funding rules as other projects.

- ***Opportunity-driven with measurable outcomes:*** The project must focus on capacity-building related to a concrete, ongoing forestry-based economic opportunity with sustainable and measurable benefits and outcomes for First Nations communities (One year "pilot projects" are eligible, so long as they directly contribute as an initial phase of a multi-year capacity-building strategy or initiative).

- ***Regional or provincial scale impact and benefits:*** These multi-community scale projects must be of sufficient scale and impact to benefit at least two First Nations communities or, even better, a grouping of communities at the tribal council, regional or provincial level.

- ***Partnerships:*** Must have willing and committed First Nations organization(s) and a range of other key partners as appropriate (industry, provincial governments, other federal departments, educational institutions, etc.). Having both provincial and industry partners would be viewed as a positive asset.

- ***First Nations participation:*** First nations must be "full partners", participating in a meaningful capacity in the planning and operations of the project.

- ***CFS participation:*** FNFP will also provide facilitation, mentorship and logistical project management, depending of the need and availability of CFS resources.